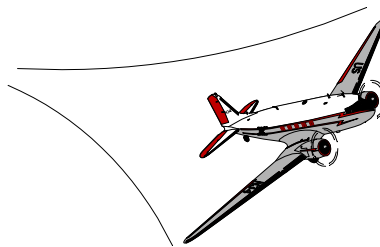


# SPECIAL AIRWORTHINESS INFORMATION BULLETIN

Aircraft Certification Service  
Washington, DC



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**Federal Aviation  
Administration**

No. CE-04-16  
November 12, 2003

*www.faa.gov - Search "SAIBs"*

---

*This is information only. Recommendations aren't mandatory.*

## Introduction

This Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin alerts you, owners and operators of **SOCATA Model TBM 700 airplanes**, that SOCATA has issued a Service Bulletin (SB) **No. SB 70-100**, titled "Elevator Inspection and Repair", dated April 2003. It concerns possible skin debonding on the elevator trailing edge.

## Background

The French DGAC issued an Airworthiness Directive (AD) **2003-262(A)**, dated July 9, 2003, referencing the SB. **SOCATA** listed the SB as "Mandatory" for aircraft serial numbers 90, 93 to 98, 101, 102, and 135. You can detect the debonding by using the inspection specified in the SB.

## Recommendation

We aren't issuing an AD at this time, but highly recommend that you accomplish the inspections per the required compliance time in the SB.

## For Further Information Contact

Gunnar Berg, Aerospace Engineer, FAA Small Airplane Directorate, ACE-112, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, MO 64106. Telephone: (816)-329-4059, Fax: (816)-329-4090; email: [gunnar.berg@faa.gov](mailto:gunnar.berg@faa.gov)

Contact SOCATA for copies of the SB at EADS SOCATA, Direction des Services, 65921 Tarbes Cedex 9, France; phone: 33 (0) 5 62.41.73.00; fax: 33 (0) 5 62.41.76.54; telex: 532 835 F.

## Internet Connection

For Internet downloads, of **SOCATA SB** go to <http://www.socata.eads.net>; highlight SUPPORT; click on ONLINE DOCS; fill out first name, last name, country, and your e-mail address; click on CONTINUE.

The **SOCATA** Users Group Organization go to <http://socata.org/> and click on RESOURCES. Select Online SB or SL Index from there select the SB or SL that you need for your make and model airplane.